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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone!

When one thinks of the recent Silver Jubilee 25th Annual Convention the air is still vibrant!

To have such a successful three-day event, hours and hours of devoted labor went into preparations throughout the year by the various committees. Not enough appreciation can be given to those many, many numismatists who volunteered their services so willingly, and an extra huge THANK YOU is extended to each of you.

In another section of this quarterly you will find a post-convention report. For those of you who were unable to attend the fun-filled days at the beautiful nostalgic Ambassador Hotel, please read it and realize what you missed. The bourse room was filled to capacity every day with "busy-ness". The Educational Forum on Friday night had to be moved to larger quarters for a "Standing Room Only" audience, and the speakers had a difficult time "calling it a day." It is next to impossible to believe the fantastic prices realized at the Bowers and Ruddy Auction – good for the sellers, but sad for us numismatists who must dig deeper and try harder to fill our needs and desires. Unusually fine comments were heard about the exhibits and kudos go out to those exhibitors for their efforts.

JIM WALDORF, SALLY and RALPH MARX are to be thanked profusely for the tremendous job done in preparing the "25 years of the NASC" in written form and on exhibit. Memories, memories, memories.....how many of us will be able to enjoy the 50 year celebration?

Now we enter the 26th year, and we must continue working towards helping each other. The organization was founded "to advance the knowledge of numismatics historically, scientifically and educationally, and to bring together numismatists of Southern California to advance these goals." Begin now by planning for the January 29, 30, and 31, 1981 convention.

New committee chairmen have been selected, and they will welcome any suggestions and ideas (even complaints) you may have.

Each of you club representatives make note of the board meeting schedule and mark your calendar for the year. It is important for you to be in attendance to be heard. The board meeting is the essence of the promotion of present policies and formulating of future policies. It is realized that because of other commitments perfect attendance cannot always be maintained; however, it is hoped that a written comment or report can be sent in by someone in your club if you cannot make the meeting.

Do you have something you wish to say and can't get it said? Put it in writing and it will be given careful consideration. Letters from any member will be most welcome.

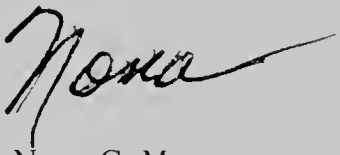
If you have not been asked to do anything, why don't you offer to help? Select a committee and ask the chairman what you can do. Personal involvement with the organization is more than just attending board meetings and the convention. New faces mean new ideas and this is what is needed to continue our success.

The Editor always needs articles for the quarterly. It would be nice if each of you would write something about your collection and help him develop a backlog of articles for future issues.

Have you signed up a new member this past year? It should not be difficult to extol the virtues of N.A.S.C. with the many things it has to offer.

The next time you need to go to the L.A. Airport, why not allow yourself additional time and go to the UCB across from the Marriott Hotel. Did you know that NASC has a numismatic collection on daily display there?

Because your president believes in the long-term rightness of the great American way, the theme for this year is AMERICA FIRST, so let us go into the year with that thought in mind, and do help us make the 1981 convention "THE TREMENDOUS TWENTY-SIXTH!"



Nona G. Moore

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NASC ACTIVITIES

Mar. 28, 1980	NASC Board Meeting, Ambassador Hotel, LA, CA, 1:00 p.m.
Jan. 29-31, 1981	NASC 26th Annual Convention, Ambassador Hotel, LA, CA
Jan. 28-30, 1982	NASC 27th Annual Convention, Ambassador Hotel, LA, CA
Jan. 27-29, 1983	NASC 28th Annual Convention, Ambassador Hotel, LA, CA
Jan. 26-28, 1984	NASC 29th Annual Convention, Ambassador Hotel, LA, CA

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mar. 27-30-1980	Society for International Humismatics, SYNCON VIII Convention, Airport Part Hotel, 600 Prairie Avenue, (next to the Forum), Inglewood, CA.
Mar. 29-30, 1980	Bakersfield Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Casa Royale Motel, Bakersfield, CA.
May 2-4, 1980	California State Numismatic Association, 66th Semi-Annual Convention, Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, CA.
May 16-17, 1980	Covina Coin Club, 19th Annual Coin-O-Rama. American Legion Hall, 330 N. Azusa Ave., West Covina, CA.
June 13-15, 1980	17th Annual Convention of International Numismatics. Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, CA.

HELLO THANKS HELP

This is the first edition of the NASC quarterly under the hand of the new Editor. The title of this column touches upon the three topics I wish to cover in this first issue. I would like to say HELLO to all the readers of the Quarterly. I promise to do my best to get all the issues out on time. I also pledge to do my best to expand the number and the scope of articles we print each issue. I can just hope that my efforts will measure up to my predecessors and that leads me to the second part.

I must say THANKS to all who have contributed to the NASC quarterly in the past. A special thanks to our past Editor "Mac" McInnis for all his help during the transition and for the fine job he has done as Editor. He has left a very large pair of shoes to fill and all I can say is "Thanks Mac" and "I will do my best." I must also thank Nona Moore, Carol Linn, Lorna Lebold, Ken Sampson and my staff, Tom Fitzgerald and Gary Beedon, for all their assistance in getting out this issue. Carol has a little sign that I liked. It reads, "It is hard to soar like an eagle when you work with turkeys." Well that is not the case as far as I was concerned. I worked only with Eagles.

I am very pleased that "Mac" will continue to submit articles to the Quarterly. This is the area that I must ask for your HELP. No publication for as large a group as the members of NASC can be successful unless many viewpoints are expressed in the articles. By now each of you has received my letter asking that you submit articles, but here I am asking again. I must have your help if this is to be a great publication.

One last item. There may be blank pages in the back of the Quarterly from time to time. The reason that those pages are blank is that I reserved that space for the article you forgot to write. Lets be sure that we have no blank pages. Send your article to me at: P.O. Box 921, Westminster, CA 92683.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

The deadline for articles and news items intended for the summer edition of the NASC Quarterly is

MAY 1, 1980

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,
NASC Quarterly

Inasmuch as the entire winter issue of the Quarterly was preempted for publication of the Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary History of NASC, I was unable to make the customary farewells of the outgoing President of the Association. I would like, therefore, to take this opportunity and method to say to all of NASC's members who were not at the recent Convention Banquet how much I appreciate having been allowed to serve as President of NASC. It has been particularly gratifying to have been able to participate in such a successful 25th Anniversary celebration. I am sure that the attendance figures, etc., will be found elsewhere in this issue, but mere statistics can't convey the feeling of excitement that seemed everywhere that week.

During the year just past I succeeded in visiting each NASC member club at least once (with the exception of the Hawaii State Numismatic Association and the Northern California Numismatic Association). Not all of these were "easy trips" – the one opportunity I had to visit the Southeastern Sierra Coin Club in Bishop was almost a "bust". Despite unsuccessful attempts at contacting the club in advance (concluding with a call to the bank at which it meets – on the morning of the scheduled July meeting) my wife Shirley and I arrived in Bishop and met with the one club member who showed up on the sidewalk in front of the Bank of America. Several other clubs required two tries before successfully getting together with a gathering of club members, but persistence paid off. I have had the opportunity of speaking with and listening to many people with widely divergent interests and points of view. Clearly, not all that NASC has to offer is useful or even pleasing to every member of every club but in its 25 years of existence and service NASC has obviously provided enough that was good not only to survive but to prosper.

In the years to come I will have many memories of "my" year with NASC. God willing, I hope to be on hand to help some future NASC President celebrate its Golden Anniversary 50th year.

Sincerely,

J. H. "Mac" McInnis, Jr.

Editor's Note: Our thanks to you "Mac" for a fine Silver Anniversary year.

SAGE SAYINGS ABOUT NUMISMATICS

Coins lose one or more grades while in transit from dealer to customer.

THE BLOOD MONEY OF MASADA

by Milton M. Fishgold

This is a true story that happened in the Holy Land some 1900 years ago. Our story goes back to the Wars of the Jews against Rome. The hostilities began in 66 A.D. because of Roman oppression and indifference to the Holy Temple of the Jews. In addition, a heavy tax burden made life unbearable. The wars raged on for four years and in 70 A.D. Jerusalem was demolished by the Roman General Titus. In 72 A.D., General Flavius Silva attacked the fortress of Masada.

The rock of Masada is situated at the eastern edge of the Judean desert with a sheer drop of more than 1,300 feet to the western shore of the Dead Sea. Masada is a place of giant majestic beauty. It is also the site of one of the most dramatic episodes in Jewish history. In the 1st century A.D., Palestine was under the occupation of the Romans, who had earlier overthrown the Jewish Maccabean Kingdom. Periodic rebellion by the inhabitants there, who had sought to regain their freedom and sovereignty, had been quickly crushed. But, in 66 A.D., the Jewish revolt flared up again with a full scale country-wide war which raged with fierce bitterness for four years. The Romans had to bring in legion after legion of reinforcements to suppress the rebels. In the year 70 A.D., the Roman General Titus conquered Jerusalem, sacked the city, destroyed the temple, and expelled the bulk of the Jewish survivors from the country.

One outpost alone held out until 73 A.D. – the fortress of Masada. According to the first century historian, Josephus Flavius, the first person to fortify this natural defensive position was "Jonathon the High Priest"; but the man who turned Masada into the formidable fortress it became was King Herod the Great! Between the years 36 and 30 B.C., King Herod built a casemate wall around the top of Masada, which encompassed defense towers, store houses, large cisterns, barracks, arsenals, as well as palaces and synagogues.

It was these fortifications and buildings which served the last band of Jewish fighters in their struggle against the Romans some 75 years after King Herod's death. At the beginning of the 66 A.D. rebellion, a group of Jewish zealots had destroyed the Roman garrison at Masada and then held it throughout the war that ended in 70 A.D. After the fall of Jerusalem, they were joined by some of the survivors, who had evaded capture and had made the long arduous journey

across the Judean wilderness determined to help the people of Masada in their fight for freedom. Using Masada as their base for raiding operations, they harried the Roman legions for over two years.

In 72 A.D., Flavius Silva, the Roman Governor, resolved to crush this outpost of resistance. He marched on Masada with his 10th Legion troops, Rome's best, along with auxiliary troops and thousands of prisoners of war carrying water, timber and provisions across the barren plateaus. The Jewish patriots at the top of Masada, commanded by Eleazer Ben Yair, prepared themselves for its defense by making use of the natural and man-made fortifications and by rationing their supplies in the storerooms and cisterns. General Silva's men prepared for a long seige. They established camps at the base of the rock, built a wall around the base of the rock and on a rock site near the western approach to Masada they constructed a ramp of beaten earth and large stones. On this ramp, they threw up a seige tower and under covering fire from its top, they moved a battering ram up the ramp and directed it against the fortress walls. They finally succeeded in making a breach in the casemate wall.

This then was the beginning of the end and that night, at the top of Masada, Elezar Ben Yair reviewed their fateful position. The defensive wall was now being consumed by fire and the next day the Romans would overrun the walls. There was no hope of relief and none of escape. Only two alternatives were open for them: surrender or death. He, therefore, resolved, "That a death of glory was preferrable to a life of infamy, and that the most magnanimous resolution would be to disdain the idea of surviving their loss of their liberty!" Rather than become slaves to their conquerors, the defenders of Masada, 960 men, women and children, thereupon ended their lives at their own hands. When the Romans reached the heights the next morning, they were met with silence! Thus says Josephus at the end of his description of the event, ".....and so, the Romans met with the multitude of the slain, but could take no pleasure in the fact, though it was done to their enemies! Nor could they do other than wonder at the courage of their resolution and at the unmovable contempt of death, which so great a number of them had shown, when they went through with such an action as that was!"

Our story now takes us to the first part of the 19th century. In the grey dawn of January 3, 1821, a breathless Arab tribesman knocked on the door of the French Carmelite Monastery at Jerusalem. A monk by the name of Heironymous opened the gate that lead to the room of the Father Superior, Abbe Paul. Before the startled Catholic Priest had time to recover from the shock of surprise, the Arab visitor threw a handful of coins on his desk, fell on his knees, and, kissing the hem of the priest's cloak, said, "Oh Holy Father, please save me! Please take this terrible curse of blood money off of me! I want to live!" The priest asked, "Are you a Christian?" The Arab answered. "No, a Moslem, oh Holy Father."

"In that case," the priest informed him, "I am not a witch doctor to cast out spells or to take the curse off of a man. I don't believe in such things!" He then began to show the visitor to the door. The Arab became desperate. "No, no, I want to live! This is the money paid for the blood of Jesus. Those who touch it die a horrible death! I have seen it happen with my own eyes! Jesus is your God, isn't he? Please pray to him to spare me! I was just the guide of the expedition." The Abbe Paul looked again at the coins, sent Brother Heironymous to

the kitchen for coffee, and a scribe named Antonious was called to write down the Arab's story.

The Arab's name was Mohammed Madawi. He had been the owner of 42 camels in the village of Deir El Ballad, situated halfway between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. In November, 1820, shortly before the autumn rains came down to make life more bearable in the hot Dead Sea valley, a Hungarian adventurer, explorer, scholar, historian and soldier of fortune named Ferencz Szeceny arrived at his village. Szeceny carried a bag of money and a letter from the Turkish Governor General in Damascus which authorized him to conduct archeological explorations in Jerusalem, Hebron and the Dead Sea districts.

The Holy Land was at that time a dead-end, a hell hole, ridden by malaria and yellow fever, which had decimated its population in the first two decades of the 19th century. Napoleon's subsequent withdrawal from Palestine to Egypt and then back to France left the Holy Land in ruins – a scene of almost complete devastation. Palestine was a part of Turkish occupied Syria and was being ruled by the Governor General in Damascus. A local Bikashi, or police commandant at Jerusalem, controlled the country by posting Shawish or Police chiefs in the smaller towns and villages. The populace was poor, diseased, ignorant, backward and illiterate. The arrival of a dashing young gentleman from Budapest, with a bag of real silver money to spend and an escort of 12 Turkish soldiers granted to him by the police commandant in Jerusalem, was an event of historical importance to the inhabitants of the little village where the Arab lived.

The newcomer, Szecseny, made it known that he was looking for guides, owners of camels and physically strong workers willing to climb with him to the top of Mount Masada to dig up the ruins of King Herod's fabulous castle as described in ancient chronicles and in the History of Jewish Wars by Flavius Josephus. The Arab villagers had never heard of King Herod, Flavius Josephus, Jewish Wars or Mount Masada, but they understood the language of cash money and within two days a caravan of some 30 men and 50 camels left the village enroute to the Dead Sea area led by this same Arab, Mohammed Mahdawi. It is not yet known where Ferencz Szecseny got his information, but the Hungarian scholars from a Budapest Academy of Science believe he came upon the description of King Herod's palace while studying Latin manuscripts dating back to the years 80-90 A.D., which he found in the Monastery of Mount Athos in Greece.

When they finally reached Masada, the Arabs refused to follow the adventurer up the steep incline to the top, but when he doubled their pay, up they went. On the very first day, two Arabs slipped and fell to their deaths. The Turkish soldiers had wisely decided to pitch their tents at a camp down below and wait for the expedition to return.

Szecseny found the foundations of King Herod's palace as described in the ancient manuscripts and he ordered his workers to dig. For three days they found nothing but rubble. On the fourth day they hit slabs of marble. On the fifth day they entered a subterranean vault, probably a man-made cave, lined with marble and filled with the debris of war. The Roman Legions, who conquered and razed the palace in 73 A.D., must have looted everything of value before burning down the structure but Szecseny ordered his workers to dig some more, so they tore up the floor and penetrated into a smaller cavern below. By the ghostly light of flickering candles, they could see human skeletons, broken swords, arrow heads and shields. Here the last of the Jewish defenders must have

retreated to kill themselves rather than to surrender to the victorious Roman Legions.

Undeterred by the grisly sight of human skeletons, the Hungarian adventurer kicked the bones apart and bent down to retrieve a huge earthenware jar hidden by the heap of human bones. His lips moved slowly as he deciphered the ancient Aramic description written on the jar. It said: "This is cursed, evil, blood money. This is the price of betrayal. May anyone who touches it for personal gain be haunted by its evil past!" The jar had been sealed tight and a bonafide scholar would have preserved it for posterity, but Szecseny's greed must have been more powerful than his scientific instincts. He smashed the jar and out poured 30 pieces of silver coins.

For all his nonchalance, even the Hungarian soldier of fortune was scared! "The thirty pieces of silver, thirty shekels, the blood money of our Lord, Jesus Christ!" He crossed himself. The Arab workers, frightened out of their wits by the entire spectacle, ran out of the cavern moaning and whimpering with panic. Left alone in the semi-darkness, Mohammed Mahdawi helped the Hungarian expert scoop up some of the coins and get out of the skeleton filled cavern by the light of one candle. "We'll come back tomorrow," said the Hungarian, "and search the cave for the coins we've missed. If I can prove these coins are part of the payment received by Judas for betraying Jesus, I can sell them for a fortune to the Christian churches and the Holy See. I'll be a millionaire!" "But you said the money is cursed," the Arab muttered. His employer laughed heartily. "Who believes in such superstitions now?" he wanted to know.

Ferencz Szecseny never went back to the skeleton filled cave. The next morning, while getting up from his hammock to dress, he was bitten by a scorpion which had hidden in his boot. Writhing in mortal pain, the Hungarian adventurer was carried down the sheer slope by the Arabs, then rushed to Jerusalem by the Turkish soldiers. The records of St. Joseph's Hospital of Mercy show that Ferencz Szecseny died from a venemous scorpion bite on November 12, 1820. He was buried in the Christian Cemetery on Mount Scopus. His grave is still there to be seen and visited by curious tourists even today.

Misfortune and bad luck befell all the other members of the expedition. The Arab workers, who had accompanied Szecseny on his way down to the skeleton filled cave, were struck by mysterious diseases, bitten by snakes and attacked by rabid dogs. All of the camels owned by Mohammed Mahdawi became sick and died. From a rich villager, he became a pauper. His wife and children became sick, too. Too late, he remembered that he was guilty of theft as well as desecration. In the confusion of Szecseny's mortal agony, he had stole the coins from the dying Hungarian's bag. Now, as the Arab finished telling his story to the French Priests, he pointed to the coins and whined pitifully, "Here they are, Oh Holy Father, please take the curse off of me!" It is not known whether the Abbe Paul did pray for the heathen Arab's soul, or whether his prayers were successful. The village of Deir El Ballad was flattened by the disastrous earthquake of 1859 and does not exist anymore. But it seems that the coins continued to bring bad luck to anyone who touched them.

There were exactly 30 silver coins in the earthenware jar smashed by Ferencz Szecseny in the skeleton filled grave at Mount Masada. More than half had cascaded down among the bones and could not be recovered in the darkness when the Arab workers fled with their candles and torches. Mohammed Mohdawi had

brought 12 coins to the Abbe Paul.

Now this dramatic story moves to the Abbe Paul and his efforts to get the coins to his Superiors in France. The good Abbe Paul enclosed a letter with the precious 12 coins and sent them by a messenger who left Jerusalem for the port of Jaffa on February 9, 1821. The messenger never got there; the curse worked against him as well. He was waylaid by robbers who cut his throat, stole his horse, stripped him of his clothes and bags, then dumped his body in a roadside ditch near Ramlah, where it was eventually found by a passing Turkish patrol on February 14, 1821, five days later. When the Abbe Paul learned of the tragedy which befell his precious collection of Masada coins, he immediately offered a reward of one thousand gold dinars to any robber or thief handing back the coins to him with no questions asked. One thousand gold dinars was a fortune in those days! People were willing to rob or steal, cheat or kill for only one gold dinar. The Turkish Governor himself could be bribed for one hundred gold dinars! The fact that no crooks appeared to claim the reward can only mean that they had tossed the stolen coins away. The robbers who had cut the throat of Abbe Paul's messenger were illiterate Arab highwaymen, who knew nothing of ancient coins and did not appreciate their value. The twelve shekels, covered with a patina of ages, looked worthless to them. The coins were not legal tender, could not be spent and were tantamount to a death sentence if found by the police. If the thieves had kept the coins, they would have claimed the fabulous reward offered by the Abbe Paul. If they had sold them to someone else, the shekels would have cropped up in some museum or private collection in the past 158 years. Since the twelve missing coins have never been found, the killers must have tossed them into the sea off the port of Jaffa. They must have regretted it later when they heard of the one thousand gold dinar offer made by the Abbe Paul. The good Abbe then prepared a thick folder of letters, documents and the testimony from the Arab guide covering the strange case of the blood money of Masada.

Our story now moves to the year 1829, when an Albanian mercenary named Mohammed Ali and his son, Ibrahim El Awal revolted against Turkey, and set up an independent Royal Dynasty in Egypt. The Egyptian army then conquered Palestine and Syria and chased the Turks out of Jerusalem. In the resulting confusion of prelonged street fighting, Moslem mobs ran amuck, pillaging, looting, burning, raping and slaughtering all unbelievers. Jews and Christians were the main victims. The Carmelite Monastery in Jerusalem was razed by the mob which killed the Abbe Paul and sixteen other monks. The Monk Hieronymous and two Arab servants, who had been converted to Christianity, feared the wrath of the howling mob and made their escape through a back entrance. They made their way to the Sinai Desert. They hoped to cross it and set sail for France from the Egyptian port of Alexandria. Bad weather, hunger, thirst and disease kept them for three months at the Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. Catherine at the foot of Mount Sinai. The Monk Hieronymous died there and was buried by the Greek priests. Thus, Abbe Paul's thick pile of documents and manuscripts was taken over by the St. Catherine's library, one of the largest collections of ancient manuscripts in the world.

Another 127 years had to pass before the story of Masada's blood money was remembered again. In November 1956, Israeli forces routed the Egyptian Army in Sinai and spearheaded a drive towards the Suez Canal. On November 6, 1956, Israeli Paratroops appeared at Mount Sinai and were invited to be the guests of

the Father Superior of St. Catherine's monastery. Until the evacuation of Sinai by Israeli forces, the famous library was open for study and examination of documents by Israeli scholars, archaeologists and historians. Among them was Professor Yigal Yadin, former Chief of the Israeli General Staff, who resigned from active service to study the Holy Land's exciting and glorious past. The Israeli studied the manuscript compiled by the Abbe Paul. However, the actual investigation of Masada had to wait until the funds necessary for a large scale scientific expedition were raised in Britian, Australia and the United States. It cost more than one million dollars to organize three research groups of 100 scholars and students each; to build camps for them on the rugged mountain slopes, supply them with food and water, airlift engineering equipment to the top of Mount Masada, and use helicopters to ferry airborne pneumatic drills to work in the ancient caverns.

The search parties found the entrance to the cavern containing the skeletons without much effort. Passage of the years, landslides, earthquakes and storms had blocked the entrance with tons of rubble. Modern engineering equipment helped to remove the obstacles and open up the entrance of the marble-lined cavern, which must have served as King Herod's subterranean reception hall. More digging brought the search parties down to the cavern of the skeletons.

Since there was no doubt that all of the bones there belonged to the Jewish Patriots who had killed themselves rather than surrender to the Romans, Rabbi Moshe Azulay was brought up to organize the removal of the skeletons for military burial in consecrated soil. Coins of many kinds, including the 18 missing blood money shekels, were found among the bones. However, no responsible scholar will vouch that these were the same coins which had been found by Ferencz Szecseny. Just as no historian will commit himself to declare that these coins were part of the payment received by Judas for betraying Jesus. But, while unwilling to commit themselves officially, the experts are advancing fantastic theories off the record. The exact fate of Judas and the motivation for his betrayal have never been known.

One of the theories advanced is that Judas betrayed Jesus to create a Martyr and build a new religious movement on the concept of Martyrdom. Whether he acted willingly or unwillingly, the discovery of the 30 pieces of silver at Mount Masada may show that Judas had lived for 40 more years after the death of Jesus. Whatever his motivation and ultimate fate, the money that Judas had received was placed in a jar with an inscription which stressed the Curse of Betrayal. Perhaps Judas himself died at Mount Masada, fighting the Roman soldiers, and his bones were among the skeletons found in the underground cavern.

It is easy to debunk all of these theories which are nothing but assumptions, presumptions and wishful thinking, not based on scientific fact. The coins found in the Cavern of Skeletons may have had no connection whatever with Judas and Jesus Christ. Thousands of such coins were hoarded by the Great Sanhedrin of Jerusalem at that time. Some of them may have been brought to Mount Masada after the fall of Jerusalem, but one fact remains, proven by photographs and reliable scientific testimony. Rare silver coins, of the type used to pay off Judas, were found among the human skeletons in a subterranean cave at Mount Masada.

The events at Mount Masada, the resistance of the men, women and children there who fought for their freedom and would rather die than be slaves to the Romans, is memorialized by the issuance of Masada Commemorative Medals by

he Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation in 1964, 1965, 1970, 1971, 973 and 1979. The Medals were made in tombac, silver, gold, copper and upro-nickel. The diameters varied from 59mm down to 27mm. Mintages ran om as low as 10 to 15,000 and one variety, the 1971 in tombac, 45mm, has unmited quantities. The design recalls an ancient shield on the obverse, with the scription in Hebrew and English that says "Masada shall not fall again!" In the eld, a continuous circular design of figures which represent builders, diggers nd warriors with their tools and weapons, is a sign and assurance of that pledge. n the reverse is the Rock of Masada in relief. At its base the remnants of the amps of the beseiging Romans are distinctly recognizable. Above the Rock, here is again an arrangement of Hebrew characters, the letters now spelling out, we shall remain free men!" This phrase appears in English also, in a half circle n the lower rim.

History has brought us back, full circle, to and from a certain night almost wo thousand years ago!

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THE WALLOONS

by Gary Beedon

One might ask what is a Walloon? The origin of the name Walloon is not definitely certain, but reliable sources state that it comes from the old high German word "Walah," the name of a Celtic tribe in northern Italy. It was the first tribe found by the Teutons on their migration south. The name was given to them by these Germanic or Celtic people. The Walloons are the ancestors of the Romanized Celts of Northern Gaul, the Gallic Belgae of Julius Caesar's time, who eluded the conquerors by holding out in the Ardesses Mountains.

Today there are over four million Walloon inhabitants of Belgium. Most occupy the southeastern part of the country, especially the provinces of Liege, Arlon, Namur, and adjacent parts of France. Most of them speak a number of dialects including French and Dutch.

The three hundredth anniversary of the appearance of the Walloons in the western hemisphere was celebrated in 1924. A commemorative half dollar designed by George T. Morgan was minted by the United States and sold through the Fifth National Bank of New York for one dollar each. Of the 142,080 coined, approximately 55,000 were released into circulation at face value. No coins were melted. This coin was controversial as many United States commemoratives were. In the religious community, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America promoted the coin while many patriotic groups claimed the coin was un-American, because the design portrayed the conjoined busts of Admiral Coligny and William the Silent on the obverse of the coin. It had nothing to do with the settlement of New Netherland (New York) in 1624! Both men were French Huguenots who followed the words of John Calvin (1509-64). Admiral Coligny's life was taken on August 24, 1572. William the Silent, father of Dutch independence and ruler of the Dutch, was killed in 1584.

The appearance of a small contingent of Walloons in the western hemisphere seems unimportant, but is one of real significance in American history. Thirty families came over in 1624 to settle what is known today as New York. They spread to the headwaters of the Hudson and the Delaware rivers. They started a small colony on the Connecticut River and settled the western end of Long Island. These hardy and brave people passed on to the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, their early lessons in government, law, and religious tolerance of their time. As a result of the influence of these people on at least four of our original thirteen colonies, their ideals greatly effected the outcome of the Constitution of the United States.

The Walloons, tiring of wars and persecutions and subject to an inquisition, considered emigrating to the new world. They asked the king of England for permission to relocate and find new homes in his Virginia colony. This king was "James", son of Mary, Queen of Scots, who refused the petition of the Walloons.

Killiaen Van Rensselaer, a rich Burgher of Amsterdam, was engaged in forming the Dutch West India Company in the year 1621. In order to control the rich fur trade of Holland's territorial possessions in America, this company pledged itself to colonize them. Ready to go on board were thirty families, mostly Walloons. What could be better to suit the Dutch West India Company's itenerary? The Dutch who had visited the province of New Amsterdam up to this time had been just traders and sojourners; the first real colonists of this part

of the new world were destined to be Walloons.

In March 1623 the ship "New Netherland" sailed from Amsterdam and two months later, the sea worn passengers saw what was to be the long island of Manhattan. Shortly after landing the small company scattered, leaving only eight people on Manhattan Island. Four or five couples who had been married on the overseas trip, plus eight sailors, were sent to South River (now the Delaware River) where they founded a settlement now known as Gloucester. Another group continued up the Hudson River to the site of what is now Albany. George Jansen de Ralpelje heading a larger group, crossed a river to the east and built a few homes on a bay they called Waal-bogt, or simply Walloons Bay.

In 1625, a year memorable to the Walloons, three ships and a yacht from the Netherlands brought seven families complete with furniture and over 100 head of cattle. Along with the cattle the seven families were put ashore on Nuttens Island (Governor's Island) only to be transported a day or two later to Manhattan because of a lack of water on the former island. Two more ships brought additional people in 1625, mostly Walloons, which increased the population of the colony to over two hundred persons.

Among the Walloons there was no depression of the birth rate. Four brides who found husbands on the first ship abroad presented those husbands with children shortly after arrival in the new land. Also in 1624 children were born in the Walloon families in that remote settlement on the Hudson River which is now Albany, New York.

Consistently and quietly, so quiet that history almost forgot them, these far apart settlements flourished and expanded. Six men and two or three families formed a colony on the Fresh River (Connecticut River) and built Fort Good Hope; Verhulsten Island in the Delaware was settled by Walloons, and peace and prosperity was reported to have endured. Their history in contrast to that of the Puritans was quiet. Due to their ingenious, brave, and industrious nature, the Walloons were successful as colonists. They were worthy of commemoration in later years.

In the forming of New York, the Walloons played an important part. They quickly associated themselves with the Dutch and later with the English. Clever and free from intrigue, eager to live and let live, these hardy and thrifty people rank among the foremost of our first Americans and deserve the commemorative recognition of the 1924 Huguenot-Walloon half dollar.

SAGE SAYINGS ABOUT NUMISMATICS

The grade of a coin varies inversely with the power of the magnifying glass.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

NEW MEMBERS MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	NAME	SPONSOR
2206	Thomas M. Barosko	Austin Ryer, Jr.
2207	Dr. M. J. Reis	Paul Borack
2208	Doctors Coin Exchange Club	Dr. M. J. Reis
2209	Dr. Robert T. Stclair	Carol Linn
2210	Julie Bascou	Gene Bascou
2211	N. E. Dzinovic	Richard Lebold
2212	Herbert A. Bernhard	Carol Linn
2213	Barbara Hyde	J. H. McInnis, Jr.
2214	Clarence W. Black	Carol Linn
2215	David Hall	Austin Ryer, Jr.
2216	Alonzo Moriel	Carol Linn
2217	Vincent N. Bartold	Austin Ryer, Jr.
2218	Joseph Kuehnert	Austin Ryer, Jr.
2219	A & E Stamp & Coin Co.	Austin Ryer, Jr.
2220	Keith N. Kelman	Ray Reinoehl
2221	C. David McGlothlin	Ray Reinoehl
2222	Richard P. Parker	Ray Reinoehl
2223	Emil N. Eusanio	Austin Ryer, Jr.
2224	Marty Greene	Austin Ryer, Jr.
2225	Klaus J. Degler	Ray Reinoehl
2226	Lyn F. Knight	Ray Reinoehl
2227	Gary Parietti	Ray Reinoehl
2228	David P. Pike, Jr.	Ray Reinoehl
2229	Elizabeth J. Grace	Charles Boothe
2230	Scott M. Seymour	Carol Linn
2231	G. B. Edwards	Ray Reinoehl
2232	Michael Woo	Murray Singer
2233	Guy S. Talbott	Carol Linn
2234	Harry Schuhart	Ray Reinoehl
2235	Merle H. Arnold	Carol Linn
2236	Mort Epstein	Carol Linn
2237	Donald E. Brigandi	Ray Reinoehl
2238	Andrew P. Lustig	Ray Reinoehl
2239	George Ashley	Ray Reinoehl
2240	James E. Richards	Carol Linn
2241	Aubrey R. Hill, Jr.	Phyllis Duncan
2242	Jim Matthews	Carol Linn

2243	Mrs. Lois Andrews	Walter Andrews
2244	Jeff Heath	Gary Beedon
2245	Eli Jakubovitz	Gary Beedon
2246	Bruce J. Davidson	Charles Boothe
2247	Eric Millman	Jerry Rochelo
2248	Walter Nukes	Carol Linn
2249	Daryl Walker	Walter Nukes
2250	Robert Gabriel	Jerry Rochelo
2251	William E. Dobson	Eugene Swonger
2252	Jim Hess	Mario Arguijo
2253	Geraldine Harris	Carol Linn
2254	Maurice A. Harris	Carol Linn
2255	Gregory N. McCallon	Carol Linn
2256	Norma Smith	Nate Bromberg
2257	Paul Schatzkin	Austin Ryer, Jr.
2258	Doris L. Demers	Austin Ryer, Jr.
2259	Burt Jacobs	Phyllis Duncan
2260	Allyn Jacobs	Phyllis Duncan
2261	John D. Larsen	Ray Reinoehl
2262	Gene Wilkin	Phyllis Duncan
2263	Larry Jackson	Ray Reinoehl
2264	Mark S. Yaffe	Ray Reinoehl
2265	Michael McNamara	Ray Reinoehl
2266	Anthony Terranova	Ray Reinoehl
2267	Robert J. Rhue	Ray Reinoehl

REINSTATED MEMBERS

979	Santa Maria Coin Club
1379	Leonard J. Sterling

DECEASED MEMBERS

SM 2	Charles M. Johnson
1408	K. L. Bradley

NEW SUSTAINING MEMBERS

SM 204	Harold Gould	SM 218	James L. Wainwright, Jr.
205	Eleanor D. Brown	219	C. Max Wedertz
206	James K. Tiffany	220	R. E. Wilson
207	J. S. Kerametlian	221	Charles H. Wolfe
208	Austin Ryer, Jr.	222	Simon Oakland
209	Dr. George E. Moore, Jr.	223	Neil Osina
210	Sid Emerson	224	Richard E. Martin
211	Howard R. Takiff	225	Kenneth E. Willits
212	Sharon Takiff	226	George D. Hatie
213	M. Wayne Dennis	227	Hy Brown
214	Virginia H. Dennis	228	Martin E. Anderson
215	Joyce Kuntz	229	Connie Sharp
216	Cy Phillips	230	James Sharp, Jr.
217	Joel J. Forman	231	John J. Smies

232 Harry Herschfeld
233 Joseph Fragner
234 Catherine E. Bullowa
235 Robert W. DeMott
236 John H. Woodward
237 Howard J. Chase
238 Glenda Koppenhaver
239 William P. Paul
240 Ted F. Clark
241 William J. Grasska, M.D.
242 Barney L. Phillips
243 Raymond L. Hastey
244 Vernon W. Lowe
245 John A. Troyan, Jr.
246 Donald J. Arenfeld
247 B. R. Nelson
248 Benjamin Levin
249 Mark L. Davis
250 Steven R. Desdier
251 Duane Spellman
252 Robert F. Dressor
253 A. L. Baber
254 Larry Whitlow
255 Earl G. Meyer
256 Gary Sturtridge
257 John J. Garro
258 Gordon O'Rourke
259 Curtis R. Paxman, M.D.
260 Fred Weinberg
261 Meyer E. Berkon
262 Julian Leidman
263 Archie A. Black
264 Peter J. Seaby
265 Don Holladay
266 John L. Kelley
267 Arthur F. Bulger
268 Allen Ward
269 Margo Russell
270 Vernon H. Odwald
271 Brian Lebold
272 Lorna R. Lebold
273 H. E. Adams
274 James Leoni
275 W. J. Grant
276 Charles G. Colver
277 Eldon L. Schnuelle
278 Clyde Hubbard
279 Shirley D. McInnis
280 Norman Pullen
281 Robert N. Marshall
282 Allen M. Young
283 Sadie Singer
284 Harry E. Driver
285 Kermit L. Stephen
286 Oen E. Nelson
287 Victor H. Saul
288 Kurt R. Krueger
289 Byron F. Johnson
290 Alex L. Sweet, M.D.
291 Emanuele S. Casalaina
292 Robert E. Westfall
293 Carl Chaplan
294 Virginia P. Culver
295 John W. Ross
296 William A. Sadler
297 Robert L. McAlpin
298 C. M. Martin
299 John G. Lowe
300 Roy G. Phares
301 John J. Pittman
302 John M. Boyd
303 Milton M. Fishgold
304 Henry E. Cutting
305 Lee King
306 Lionel Stone
307 Gary Beedon
308 Charles Perez
309 Stanley Damnrouckas
310 Clarence W. Black
311 N. E. Dzinovic
312 Kenneth P. Sampson
313 Edward M. Rothberg
314 Calvin O. Wilson
315 George Bosna
316 Engelbert H. Rusa
317 Earl R. O'Cathey
318 Ricky O'Cathey
319 Thomas E. Knebl
320 Claire R. Abelson
321 Rhom Ruiz

To all of our New Members, we wish to extend a very sincere WELCOME! If we have not already done so, we hope to have the opportunity to meet each one of you throughout the year or during our 26th convention next January. We look forward to your continued membership and welcome any suggestions you

may have.

To all of the Regular Members who are listed as converting their membership to the NASC "SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP", we thank you and hope you all are pleased with your permanent membership card. There was provided at our 25th convention, a special ribbon for Sustaining Members. If you did not receive one, and still wish to, please drop me a line and your ribbon will be mailed. We look forward to maintaining your membership for your life.

MOVING? Please remember to forward a change of address so you will be sure to receive the NASC Quarterly and other Association mailings.

JOIN IN TO HELP THE N.A.S.C. CONTINUE TO GROW.....SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER!

Sincerely yours,

Carol A. Linn
Corresponding Secretary

SILVER JUBILEE MEMBERS

NASC is celebrating its 25th anniversary but equally as important are the members who have belonged to this club for the entire 25 years. NASC is honoring each with a special 25 year pin. Many of these members received their pins at this years Convention Banquet and those who were not present will still have received theirs through the mail. All of the people listed below joined NASC before February 19, 1956. Congratulations to all.

George Bennett	CM 5	LM 9	Sterling A. McCallister	CM 72	SM 18
Scott McCormac	CM 6	LM 6	Edward E. Dennison	CM 76	SM 19
Harold F. Donald	CM 7	SM 1	Sydney G. Shostak	CM 87	
Wincent D. Dieterle	CM 9		Dr. Henry V. Nier	CM 89	
Jack D. Reberry	CM 14	SM 4	West Valley Coin Club	CM 90	
Leonora Donald	CM 22	SM 5	Jack W. Ogilvie	CM 93	
Los Angeles Coin Club	CM 24		Clifton C. Girard	CM 95	SM 20
Long Beach Coin Club	CM 25		Wishart Macfarren	CM 99	SM 21
Charles W. Boothe	CM 28	SM 6	San Fernando Valley Coin Club	CM 100	
Abner Kreisberg	CM 32	SM 7	John M. Boyd	CM 106	SM 302
Charles L. Ruby	CM 33	LM 4	Robert W. DeMott	CM 108	SM 235
Bay Cities Coin Club	CM 36		Roscoe L. Fulks	CM 109	SM 22
Bruce Bartholow	CM 38	SM 8	Robert C. Safranek	CM 113	SM 23
Abe Kosoff	CM 39	SM 9	Murray G. Singer	CM 114	LM 11
G. Lee Kuntz	CM 41	SM 10	Charles K. Horowitz	CM 116	SM 24
Dr. Charles E. Mason	CM 43	SM 11	Robert S. Benner	CM 118	SM 25
E. Wallace Titzell	CM 44		George E. Schmidt	CM 120	SM 26
Daniel D. Sheets	CM 46		Wayne Higbee	CM 127	SM 27
San Gabriel Valley Coin Club	CM 47		Ben O. Wendell	CM 131	SM 28
Thelma M. Case	CM 50	SM 12	Elliott Markoff	CM 133	SM 29
Ben W. Williams	CM 57	LM 7	Merlin N. Harris	CM 147	SM 30
John W. Gregor	CM 58	SM 13	Henry H. Clifford	157	SM 31
Leo A. Young	CM 60	SM 14	Richard Yoeman	160	SM 32
Norman A. Johnson	CM 61	SM 15	James Leoni	169	SM 274
Norman Shultz	CM 64		Kenneth W. Lee	180	SM 33
Fred Bass	CM 66	SM 16	Jack Seeler	206	SM 34
Harold G. Bavaird	CM 68	SM 17			

NASC SILVER JUBILEE CONVENTION

The 25th Anniversary Convention for NASC marked not only a milestone in our existence but will have to go down in history as one of our finest conventions. Thursday, normally one of our slowest days, started off with a bang. Many times during the day long lines formed in front of the registration desk. The hard work of the registrars did keep the waiting time to a minimum but there were still lines. By closing that night, about 900 people had registered! The record crowds continued through Saturday and by closing time more than 3,000 people had attended our show.

One place where the large crowds were evident was in Suite D where Bowers and Ruddy Galleries had the auction material on display. People had to take a number and wait for that number to be called before they could view the lots. When the auction began, it was standing room only. The prices realized were a surprise to most people. Coin prices at that auction established new records.

Friday night brought the highlight of the entire show. The Educational Forum, normally a rather quiet affair, attracted a lot of interest. The telephones at the registration desk were ringing all day long with people wanting information about the Forum. Due to the great interest, the Forum was moved to the more spacious Embassy Room and seats for more than 300 people were set in place. When the Forum got under way, all seats were filled and the walls of the room were lined with standing people. The speakers were "Jonathon" Hefferlin and Alan Herbert. No wonder we had a crowd! Jonathon talked about investing in coins and Alan Herbert talked about the discovery of a series of overdates on German coinage.

The Past Presidents and Club Representatives Breakfast was well attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal of French toast, sausage, and sweet rolls. Paul R. Whitnah was the speaker for that event. His talk was entitled "It's Our Responsibility", and he gave his views on our responsibility to other collectors, organizations and the community as a whole.

Saturday morning the annual business meeting was held to elect the new officers. Rather than repeat the results here you are directed to the inside of the back cover for the list of officers and chairpersons. Last year's officers and committee people deserve a loud cheer from all the members of NASC. The show was great and everyone surely must have done their best to have it turn out this well.

Another highlight of the convention was the Banquet. Dr. Sol Taylor was the Master of Ceremonies and as always his talk was fantastic. He kept us all in stitches with tales of his youth, when he was a neophyte collector. He told us of another time when the pace was slower and collecting seemed to be pure fun and not a big business or great investment opportunity. For those new members it should be pointed out that Sol is a Past President of NASC, a frequent writer for the Quarterly and a strong supporter of NASC.

Abe Kosoff, Mr. Numismatics, installed the newly elected officers. Mr. Kosoff is probably the best known Numismatist in the country and just recently celebrated his fiftieth anniversary in the hobby. Honors and awards were also announced and presented at the banquet. Lorna Lebold covers this in her article elsewhere in this issue.

CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHS

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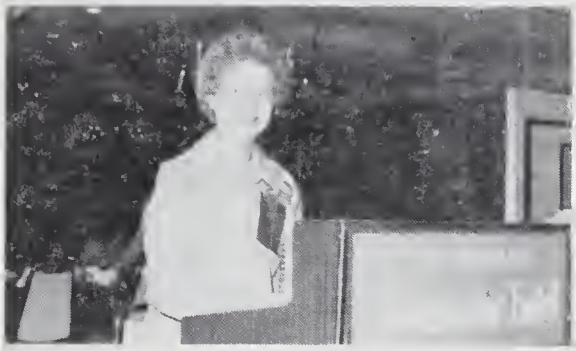


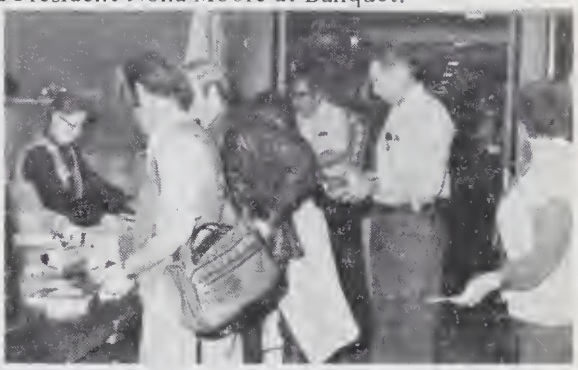
President-elect Nona Moore greets guests at breakfast.

Business meeting left to right: Albertus Hoogeveen, Recording Secretary; J. H. McInnis, President; Nona Moore, President-elect; Richard Lebold, Treasurer; Carol Linn, Corresponding Secretary.

The new officers left to right: Paul Borack, President-elect; Richard Lebold, Treasurer; Leonora Donald, Historian; Nona Moore, President; Tom Fitzgerald, Vice President; Carol Linn, Corresponding Secretary; Albertus Hoogeveen, Recording Secretary.

Breakfast head table left to right: Nona Moore, President-elect; Paul Whitnah, Guest Speaker; J. H. "Mac" McInnis, President; Leonora Donald, Historian; Dick Lebold, Treasurer and Past President.

Past President J. H. "Mac" McInnis and President Nona Moore at Banquet.



Lines formed at registration desk and registrars such as Shirley McInnis, far left, worked hard to get people into show quickly.

Eva Adams, former Director of the Mint with Dick Lebold, Treasurer and Past President.

George Hatie, President of ANA and Charles Colver, Secretary of CSNA.

Ethel Stone, Alva Christensen, and Dorothy Chase enjoy convention.

Gordon Hunt, Leader in movement to save San Francisco Mint and R. S. Yeoman, author of "Redbook".

Donna Sims chairs Junior Forum.

Mario Arguijo cheerfully sells medals and bars to NASC members. Do you have all you are entitled to?

Past President George Bennett "calls" the auction for Bowers and Ruddy Galleries to a standing room only crowd.

We did have fun at the Banquet as you can see.

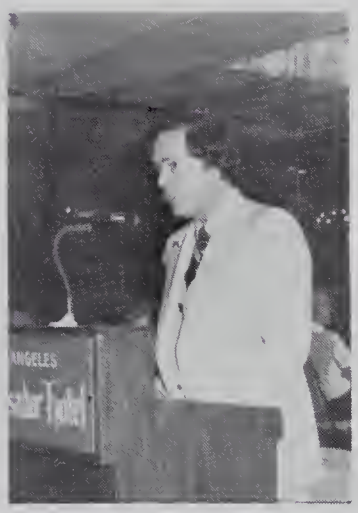
The crowd at the Educational Forum as seen by the speakers. A few minutes after this picture the walls were lined with people.

CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHS (Cont.)

Nona Moore makes presentation to to Paul Whitnah, Past Presidents Breakfast speaker.

Alan Herbert, speaker, and Sally Cassalaina, moderator, at Educational Forum.

Jonathon Hefferlin, owner of Jonathon's at Banquet where he presented NASC with a $500 check as a donation.



Paul Whitnah, guest speaker at Breakfast.

Sol Taylor, Past President and M.C. for the Banquet.

Alan Herbert and Jonathon Hefferlin making last minute preparations for Educational Forum.

NASC HONORS MEMBERS

by Lorna Lebold

One of the highlights of our convention banquet is the presentation of awards that honor a variety of numismatic talents. Recognition is conferred on those selected as best in areas such as writing and service to their organization.

The President's Trophy is given to that club which consistently produces a bulletin that best details its activities and provides the necessary information concerning date, place, and time of meeting. Three clubs share the award this year: West Valley Coin Club, George Baude, Editor; Israel Numismatic Society of Los Angeles, Said Singer, Editor; and Israel Numismatic Society of San Gabriel Valley, Donna Sims, Editor. All are fine examples of the time and effort necessary to put out a quality paper each month.

Karl M. Brainard was a founder and later president of NASC, and the Literary Awards are bestowed in his honor. Only original articles published in the Quarterly are eligible for consideration. First place went to Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald for his article "Three Score and Ten Years Ago". Second place was awarded to Dr. Sol Taylor for "The Ashoka Monument" and J. H. McInnis, Jr., took third place for "The 'Mints' of Old Scotland".

Recognizing and rewarding the activities of junior members is of vital importance to us, for in them lies the future of numismatics in general and NASC in particular. Clubs or individuals may nominate a qualified junior for the Maurice M. Gould Junior Achievement Award. Just one winner is chosen, but the other nominees receive a Certificate of Merit for their contribution. Those awarded certificates were: Michelle Sharp, Rex Hollifield, and Karyl McInnis. Accepting the trophy was Julie Bascou, 16, of the Thousand Oaks Coin Club. At their meetings she has participated as acting secretary, speaker, and exhibit judge. As an exhibitor, at local and convention levels, she has won several awards, including two Gordon Z. Greene Memorial Junior Best of Shows at NASC. Julie has completed the entire Roman Coin Project through ANA. The seventh coin was earned by writing an article on exhibiting, which was published in COIN WORLD. The talented young lady is already an asset to the numismatic world.

Anticipation is at its peak as the time draws near to reveal the name on the Richard P. Goodson trophy. To receive the association's highest honor is the ultimate acknowledgement of one's service and dedication to numismatics through NASC. As presentor Jim Waldorf announced that two people would share the honor: Richard S. Yeoman and Elizabeth L. Wisslead.

For the first time, an out-of-state member was selected and who better than our good friend Richard Yeoman. His accomplishments are well known, but we also know him as a long time member of NASC and a faithful supporter. Ever willing to help, he has served as exhibit judge, breakfast speaker, installing officer and forum speaker, as well as donating books to the association. He rarely misses a convention, and his presence is always enjoyed by those who talk with him, exchanging ideas and stories.

Richard Yeoman is known as "Mr. Redbook". Elizabeth Wisslead is known for her complete collection of Redbooks. The history of these books is just one of many topics that she is very able to speak on. In addition to speaking, she has been NASC Corresponding Secretary, served on the Board of Governors,

s well as chairing various committees. Over the years she has been a hard worker, donating much time to further numismatics. Undoubtedly, receiving his award was a special moment for Elizabeth Goodson Wisslead.

NASC SPECIAL AWARDS

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zabeth Wisslead and Richard oman share the Richard P. odson award.

Thomas Fitzgerald is presented the Karl M. Brainard Memorial Literary Award from Murray Singer.

ray Singer (at microphone) and Waldorf (background) present rds as Sol Taylor looks on.

President "Mac" McInnis presents President's Trophy for Best Club Bulletin to three First Place winners. Accepting are Leonora Donald, Murray Singer, and Nathan Bromberg.

her first for NASC! Nona Moore mored with a plaque from her club, Fontana United Numis- ts, upon being elected President ASC. Detective Stanley Bennett, dent of F.U.N., makes the ntation.

Julie Bascou receives the Maurice M. Gould, Jr. award from Duffy Waldorf.

SILVER JUBILEE EXHIBIT AWARDS

One of the outstanding features at every NASC convention is the exhibits. A select panel of judges led by Albert and Virginia Hall, using set guidelines, determine the finest exhibit in each category and the runners-up. This year it was a particularly difficult job because all exhibits were outstanding. The list of winners in each category is listed below. See pictures on next pages.

The LEWIS M. REAGAN, STEVE KOSOFF MEMORIAL AWARD was presented to Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald for his "Medals of the Popes". This award is made for the "Best of Show".

The GORDON Z. GREENE MEMORIAL AWARD went to Michelle Lopez. This award is made to the juniors and was presented by George Moore, III. This award is made for the junior "Best of Show".

EXHIBIT AWARD WINNERS

Class A - United States Coins
- 1st Gene Bascou, Major Designs of 20th Century Type Coins
- 2nd Isabel Sharp, America's Small Cents

Class B - Gold Coins, U. S. and Foreign
- 1st Walter T. Andrews, Seven Mints – Seven Coins
- 2nd Theodore P. Lopez, Mexico's Modern Gold Coins
- 3rd James Sharp, Jr., 100 Dollar Gold Coins of Belize

Class C - Foreign Coins Struck Before 1500 AD
- 1st Julie Bascou, My Roman Coin Project

Class D - Foreign Coins Struck After 1500 AD
- 1st Victor Titoff, Famous Leaders of China
- 2nd Michelle Sharp, 100 Peso Coins of Mexico
- 3rd Hermann Giese, West Germany's Monetary Reform

Class E - Currency, U. S. and Foreign
- 1st James Warmus, Yemen Bank Notes
- 2nd Isabel Sharp, The Great Seal on U. S. Paper Money

Class F - Specialized By Topic
- 1st Raisa Titoff – Znachki from USSR
- 2nd Raymond K. Kyle, Poland – Her Highest Orders
- 3rd Victor Titoff – Expo '70

Class G - Medals
- 1st Thomas F. Fitzgerald, Medals of the Pope, 15th/20th Centuries
- 2nd Victor Titoff, Medals Commemorating Planetary Exploration
- 3rd Isabel Sharp, Current U. S. Mints and Depositories

Class H - Private Mints, U. S. and Foreign
- 1st Gene Bascou, United States History of America for Young Americans
- 2nd Connie Sharp, Norman Rockwell's Medallic Tribute to Robert Frost

Class I - Juniors, 13 Years and Under
- 1st Michelle Lopez, Jefferson Nickels

Class J - Juniors 14-18 Years of Age
- 1st Julie Bascou, Current Circulating Coins of the Soviet Union

Class L - Club Exhibits
- 1st Echo Park Coin Club, The Grand Canyon Medal
- 2nd San Bernardino County Coin Club, Coin Designer's Medal

Class M - Miscellaneous
- 1st NONE
- 2nd Dennis Rocklein, From Silver to What?
- 3rd J. Pooser, Restrikes – Inexpensive Rarities

Class N - PNC's
- 1st James Sharp, Jr., Germany's First PNC
- 2nd Connie Sharp, Papua New Guinea – A New Nation

3rd Walter Ostromecki, First Lady Autographs on PNC's Invitational

Raymond K. Kyle – U. S. Medals of Army, Navy, and Air Force

Albert K. Hall – The Victoria Cross

Virginia M. Hall – Founding of Caracas, Venezuela Commemorative Note

EXHIBIT AWARDS

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Abe Kosoff presents Tom Fitzgerald with "Best of Show" award.

George Moore, III awards Michelle Lopez the junior "Best of Show" trophy.

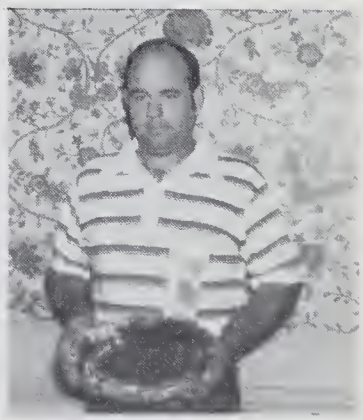
Class A Winner
Gene Bascou

Class B Winner
Walter Andrews

Class C Winner
Julie Bascou

Class E Winner
James Warmus

Class F Winner
Raisa Titoff



Class N Winner
James Sharp, Jr.

TWELFTH ANNUAL ANA SUMMER SEMINAR

The American Numismatic Association's twelfth annual summer seminar has been scheduled for the week of July 13 through 19, announced ANA executive vice president Edward C. Rochette. He added that, for the first time, six different courses will be offered, including the old standbys and very popular Detection of Counterfeit and Altered Coins, Coin Grading, and Coin Photography. New courses will include All About Coins, a Numismatic Writing and Research Seminar and, what may prove to be the most popular of all, the Charles Wolfe Course on Ancient Coins. Total enrollment will be limited to 150 students due to restricted housing and classroom facilities.

This annual event, held in cooperation with The Colorado College, on whose campus the ANA headquarters is situated, attracts numismatists from all over the world. This year there will be participants from England, the Republic of China, Korea, as well as Canada and most of the fifty states. The program includes participation by the United States Treasury Department with visits scheduled to the Mint at Denver and lectures by Mint officials.

Tuition for the week-long event has been set at $249 for ANA members and $275 for nonmembers. There will be a $10 discount for participants who prepay in full by June 30. This fee includes, in addition to tuition, lodging and meals (all you can eat) at Colorado College and a field trip to the Denver Mint. For those participating in the class "All About Coins", the fee covers a field trip to the ghost mining towns of Cripple Creek and Victor. The costs for spouses not attending any class but staying at Colorado College, including meals, lodging and the field trips, will be $25 less.

The College will not permit children under eleven to stay in the dormitories nor may they go on field trips; and the College doesn't allow pets.

Classes offered for the 1980 seminar include the following:

Detection of Counterfeit and Altered Coins – This standard and very popular course will be limited to 30 students. Classes will include several hours of laboratory work and the use of microscopes for detection purposes.

Coin Grading – A very popular and important course also, it will have the benefit of the expertise of Kenneth Bressett of Whitman Publishing Company.

Coin Photography – Another repeat class and one that must be limited to ten students. Instruction will include the use of ANA darkroom facilities and the learning of many "tricks of the trade."

The Charles Wolfe Course on Ancient Coins – Although not a new subject, this will be the first time offered by the dean of ancient coin dealers. Students will have the opportunity of viewing several rare specimens in the ANA collection.

All About Coins – This will be an extension of last year's course, "The History of Coin Collecting in America", and again led by Q. David Bowers. His students will have the opportunity of visiting Cripple Creek and Victor also, including lunch in the historic Imperial Hotel in Cripple Creek.

Applications are obtainable now from ANA headquarters for the seminar. A $25 deposit must accompany each application for each person attending the seminar to insure enrollment in a course and to make the necessary reservations. Address correspondence to: ANA Summer Seminar, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

CLUB SECTION

by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

A new cover, new writers, new editor and a new club section are few of the changes you've already noticed with this issue of the Quarterly. Our new editor, Austin Ryer, has asked me to help and he's assigned the Club Section to me. Since the N.A.S.C. is a confederation of coin clubs in the Southern California area, it is our hope that the Club Section will serve all the member clubs.

We want this section to publicize the clubs, to spread the word of what clubs are doing and to inform the reader about club happenings. We intend to showcase the many fine numismatic organizations throughout Southern California.

Each issue will highlight some of our clubs. Unusual programs, special news and ideas for improving our clubs' need to be shared with all the rest of the organizations. To do this, we'll need your help. We need to hear from you. What suggestions or comments do you have concerning this section? What do you think of these plans? What would you like to see in the Club Section of the Quarterly? Send a note to: Tom Fitzgerald
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